




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**THRU:** Christopher Shorter, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Kimberly McNeeley, Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

**DATE:** July 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Parks Burning Restriction Order for City Parkland

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Due to the current drought conditions, wildfires are a serious potential hazard to the City's parks and surrounding communities. In an effort to protect our parks and pursuant to Ordinance No. 20111102-025, I have issued a Parks Burning Restriction within all City parkland to begin effective immediately. Smoking, open fires and grilling, with the exception of propane grills and stoves, are prohibited on all City owned parkland. Violations of this Parks Burning Restriction may result in a fine between \$300 and \$500. The Austin Parks and Recreation Department will be monitoring the forecast, fire risk and drought conditions on a weekly basis to determine when this Parks Burning Restriction can be lifted.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 512-974-6717.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
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